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Weather Indications.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Indications for  
Wednesday: Fair weather and high winds.

### "A WAR OF RACES."

Another "war of races" has begun in Mississippi. The narrative is furnished by the whites, and there is no likelihood that the negroes' side of the story will ever be received. But two accounts, differing somewhat in detail, are at hand. One of these begins with the statement that a white farmer's gin house was burned several months since, that he attributed the fire to incendiaries, and on such suspected two negroes whom he had discharged from employment, and has since been working with great diligence to secure sufficient evidence to warrant their arrest. It does not take a great deal of evidence to induce a white magistrate to issue a warrant against a negro in Mississippi, and the length of time spent by this particular farmer in the pursuit gives the accusation a suspicious look. But the warrant was obtained at last, and an officer was sent to serve it. He met one of the accused men on the street and attempted his arrest, but after a bloody fight in which the officer appears to have been very roughly handled, he fled and gathered a posse of a dozen white men to assist him, the intention being openly avowed that the offending negro was to be lynched. But the negro had also improved his time, and when the officer and his posse returned fifty black men armed with rifles received them in ambush and fired upon them with such deadly aim that every white man was either killed or wounded. The narrative ends with the statement that all the whites and negroes in the vicinity are arming for a war of extermination. This account makes no mention of incendiaries, but relates that a negro who had been discharged from work by a farmer had stoned the little son of his employer in the garden because he refused to talk with him, and was badly riddled with buckshot by the boy's father. The massacre grew out of an attempt to arrest this negro. And the statement is repeated that both races are arming for a war of extermination.

Which of these two narratives is correct, and whichever party is to blame, the affair furnishes a new demonstration of the fact that the whites and the blacks do not "get along" well together at the South. This massacre is only an incident of the irrepressible conflict which has been waged since emancipation, and will continue to be waged until the "negro problem" is solved. It is altogether useless to argue this question with the white men of the South, to show them how harmoniously whites and blacks live together at the North, and how useful the latter could be made if kindly and justly treated. The civilization of the South is different from that of the North. It is a civilization that had negro slavery for its basis, and the feeling of superiority engendered among the whites by two hundred years of domination over a servile people is not to be eradicated in a day or a generation.

Senator Ingham expresses a very important truth a few days ago in the declaration that the two races could never assimilate. We shall come much nearer a solution of the whole vexed question when this truth is universally accepted. Then Congress will undertake the colonization of the Southern negroes by themselves in a state all their own, for which one of our own Western territories could be set aside or one of the Northern states of Mexico purchased. This is the only practical solution. Emigration to Africa and South America has been tried, but the negro of the United States is no more an African than any white American, and does not thrive in the Southern hemisphere. But the separation here proposed would open to the negroes the same opportunities for development and progress as are guaranteed to other citizens, while the South would be relieved of an element dangerous to its peace because of this irrepressible conflict, and would at once become an attractive field for European emigrants, who now avoid it because the negro is there.

If the negro were out of politics the solution would be quick and easy. But the constitution makes him a voter, and both parties strive to utilize him at election time. The annual massacre at the South comes soon after election, and it is not unlikely that the next mail will bring news of awfully bloody work in Mississippi. The proposition of Congressmen Oates to disfranchise the negro, which is already practically accomplished wherever he refuses to vote the Democratic ticket, and to accept the reduced representation provided for in the constitution as a consequence, goes to the very root of the matter. When this is accomplished the negro will be glad to get up in politics and business by himself, and the country will be willing to aid him in getting established.

### ARE LABOR CONFLICTS PROFITABLE?

The Bureau of Statistics of Labor has issued a report upon strikes and lockouts in the United States, which covers the six years from 1881 to 1887. There were during this period 22,239 strikes, in which 1,323,292 workmen took part. Before the beginning of these strikes there were 1,665,635 people employed in the establishments concerned in them; at the end of the period the number employed was 1,635,047. The establishments in which or to influence which the strikes took place had reduced the number of their employees more than 30,000 as one of the direct consequences. Lockouts in the same six years took place in 2,214 establishments. The employees in these establishments fell off from 173,270 in 1881 to 170,148 in 1887. The number of workmen locked out was 160,823. In the strikes 88.5 per cent of the persons engaged were men and 11.5 per cent women. In the lockouts 69 per cent were men and 31 per cent women. In the five states of New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Ohio and Illinois occurred the greater number of these disturbances—75 per cent of the strikes and 84 per cent of the lockouts. These states contain 49 per cent of all the manufacturing establishments and 58 per cent of all the capital invested in manufacturing in the United States.

Of the total number of strikes, 18,242 were ordered by labor organizations, while in the 2,214 establishments in which lockouts took place, 1,758 were made by combinations of employers. In 10,753 strikes the victory was complete; in 8,004 the victory was partial, and in 8,910 there was total failure. In the lockouts, on the other hand, the figures are more favorable to labor. In 564 establishments the object of locking out the work-

ingmen was attained; in 190 it was partially attained, and in 1,399 establishments it utterly failed.

The number of working people who participated in successful strikes was 513,358; the number who participated in partially successful strikes was 143,970, and the number in the failures was 660,396. In 4,344 establishments the strikes were begun for a reduction of hours of labor. In 1,055 cases the object was gained; in 966 it was partially gained, and in 2,323 it failed entirely. An increase of wages was sought in 9,439 cases, and in 6,220 it was attained; in 796 success was partial, and in 2,415 the struggle was without result.

The statistics of losses in these labor conflicts of six years show that in the strikes the workmen lost \$51,811,733, and as a result of the lockouts \$3,157,717, or about \$40 for each man and woman concerned. To support the strikers and the locked-out \$4,430,185 was contributed by labor organizations. The loss of employers during the strikes was \$30,701,553, and in the lockouts \$3,462,391. On the whole it appears that the effort to adjust labor questions by force is a failure. It takes a long time usually to effect a victory, a result generally quite doubtful, and when it is secured a great deal of labor has to be done before the loss is recovered from. We recall a strike for an advance of 15 cents a day by some people whose average wages were \$1.50 per day. They were successful after waiting in idleness for about three months. They lost about \$117 each. To recover this loss from the advance of 15 cents a day would require 780 days, or about two years and a half.

### STATES AND REPRESENTATIVES.

Inequality of Representation in the Popular Branch of Congress.  
(From the Utica Herald.)  
When a Democratic feels the need of a mighty argument against a division of States, and its admission as two states he dilates on the injustice that New York will suffer, with its 6,000,000 out-voted, in the United States Senate by the Dakota's 600,000. His argument is against the plan of government of the United States, though he doesn't declare. The constitution regulates state representation. The representatives from each State are elected by the people of that State. Here are eight States which have in the fifth Congress solid Democratic delegations—16 Senators and 56 representatives:

State	Total Pop.	Total Reps.	Ratio.
Alabama	175,000	8	21,875
Arkansas	125,000	6	20,833
California	900,000	12	75,000
Florida	90,000	3	30,000
Georgia	125,000	6	20,833
Louisiana	125,000	6	20,833
Mississippi	125,000	6	20,833
South Carolina	125,000	6	20,833
Texas	1,250,000	11	113,636

Total.....1,154,991 56 av. 20,000

Add the vote and representation of Tennessee.....333,480 10 33,348

And we have nine Southern states casting a total of 1,488,471 votes and represented in Congress by 18 Senators and 66 Representatives, and in the Electoral college by 84 votes. New York cast 1,335,333 votes—160,542 more than the eight Southern states named—and has in Congress, and the Electoral College, 36 votes against their 72. The vote of the Empire State was only 148,304 short of the aggregate of the nine states whose votes in Congress, and the Electoral College, number 84. New York's ratio of Representative to vote is 39,000. Applying that ratio to South Carolina, its seven Representatives would give way to two, Mississippi and Louisiana would have three each; Georgia's measure would be sent for four; Arkansas would have four; Alabama, by courtesy, five and Texas eight.

More clearly to show the injustice imposed on the free voters of New York by the methods which control elections in the South, take from the table above the states of Alabama, Florida, Tennessee and Texas. The remaining five—Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina—casting 615,678 votes, have in the lower house of Congress 35 members against New York's 34, representing 1,325,333 voters. It is in the House of Representatives that the people have direct representation—or are denied it. And it behoves Democrats to join hands for the correction of the great injustice under which the North suffers at the hands of the South, instead of standing up to deny the 114,000 voters of Dakota a single vote in Congress.

### PUBLIC OPINION.

The Democrats in the Senate are not evidently united on the tariff question.—*Danbury (Conn.) Press, Dec.*

In politics the great problem is how to put a twenty-foot elephant in a ten-foot cabinet without splintering the floors or raising the roof.—*Philadelphia Times, Dec.*

Kanawha is a better name than West Virginia, says the *Buffalo Commercial*. It is all a matter of taste. For ourselves, we can't imagine a much homelier name than Kanawha.—*Utica Observer, Dec.*

Mr. Morton has returned from Indianapolis and the reports are that he is not very sure of Platt or Miller either getting into the cabinet. What Mr. Morton seems to have found out most effectively, is that Harrison proposes to do the appointing himself, after all the others get through.—*Albany Times, Dec.*

Englishmen are now seeking to invest their surplus capital in American breweries. The success of the joint stock plan, upon which so many English brewers are conducting operations, appears to have suggested the scheme of the introduction of similar methods here, and brewers in several large cities have already been bought up. The plan may be a "small private affair," but to many people it looks like the entering wedge of a huge monopoly.—*Philadelphia Record, Dec.*

The American people, with commendable pride and spirit, are prepared to sustain their President in the reasonable and constitutional exercise of his prerogatives. By asserting and maintaining his independence General Harrison wins by his countrymen. He will gain their esteem by showing that the real official head of this republic is not Mr. Blaine, or Mr. Platt, or Mr. Miller, but Benjamin Harrison, if he takes that stand, and his fate and his political future are alike secure. "Surround to elude or faction would, with equal certainty, prove fatal to his reputation, hurtful to his party, and damaging to the good name and the highest interests of the country."—*Brooklyn Eagle, Dec.*

SPECIAL BUSINESS NOTICES.  
An Irishman was asked for his marriage certificate. He lifted his hand, and a large scar on the head, evidently done by a flat iron. This evidence was to the point. Our certificates are the price of the man who has experienced wonderful cures by the Little Boy Cough Syrup.

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GOING SOUTH

For New York, 7:10 A. M.; 11:55 A. M.; 4:00

6:10 and 7:45 P. M.

For Newburgh and Cornwall 6:50, 6:55, 7:10, 11:5

A. M.; 4:05, 6:10 and 7:45 P. M. Sundays 4:15

and 7:45 P. M.











## TUESDAY'S NEWS BUDGET.

WHAT PEOPLE FOUND TO TALK ABOUT HERE THIS DAY.

The Hudson River and Inland—Notes that Will Interest Friends and Members of Friendly Societies—Phases of the Seamy Side Noted.

And the great storms rise and pass, Bring the dark, gray clouds, Toss the flakes of snow; Let your voice be hoarse and loud, And blow, wind, blow!

What is the local news of moment this eighteenth day of December in brief? Boatmen had a rough time on the Hudson River—High water is reported in the Rondout and Esopus creeks and up north—The Rondout Young Men's Christian Association is in need of funds—Church entertainments galore are announced—High winds this forenoon.

On page 1—Telegraph and local up to 5 P. M.

On page 3.—A bloody riot in the South; a story about an intelligent horse; the disorganized railway mail service; farmers to meet; summary of last night's news; Marlborough, Modena, Kripplush, Rosendale Plains, Eddyville, Surrogate's Court proceedings and other local news.

HIGH WATER IN TWO CREEKS HERE.

The Esopus Inundated Portions of the Kingston Lowlands This Afternoon.

The Esopus Creek overflowed its banks at a number of points this afternoon. A portion of the Kingston Lowlands were inundated.

Along the Rondout Creek high water was reported this afternoon. No serious damage ensued.

THE FRESHET UP NEAR TROY.

The Ice on the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers Breaks Up—A Boy's Peril.

A dispatch from Troy to THE FREEMAN to-day stated: The ice that formed in the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers at and near this City, last week, was weakened last night by the rain, and this morning broke up and moved south. At noon to-day the water had risen 15 feet since last evening, reaching the high water mark of the last freshet. A number of cellars along the dock at this place were flooded. The temperature lowered 10 degrees from 6 o'clock this morning to noon. The wind blew from the north, and ice from Waterford a mile down the River. He was rescued.

FRESHET AT ALBANY.

A dispatch from Albany to THE FREEMAN to-day stated: The rain fall in this City to-day was equivalent to two feet of snow. It rained steadily yesterday and last night and after midnight snow fell for several hours. The Hudson has risen rapidly and is overflowing the piers and wharves of this City. A rise of over seven feet since last night was noted at noon to-day. The storm locally had many of the characteristics of last March's blizzard. The lowest temperature ever recorded by the Signal Office here was noted to-day—29.0°. The River is still rising, though the southerly direction of the wind and a falling thermometer will probably check the flood.

NOTES ABOUT FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

Meetings of Various Bodies in this City—200 Secret Orders in the U. S.

There are 200 secret orders in the United States.

The annual meeting of Ulster Lodge, K. of P., Rondout, will be held this evening.

The members of Hope Lodge, K. of P., of Port-Even, will publicly install officers, in the near future.

The annual convention of Mt. Horeb Chapter, R. A. M., of Kingston, will be held to-morrow evening.

The annual meeting and election of officers in Rondout Lodge No. 343, F. & A. M., will be held on Christmas Eve.

A number of Knights of Pythias of this City, including Grand Chancellor David J. Auchmoody, have been invited to attend a convention, to be held one evening this week in the rooms of Arnot Lodge, at Poughkeepsie. The Third Rank will be conferred at the convention.

SOME PHASES OF THE SEAMY SIDE.

A Murder Trial Begun To-day at White Plains—Burglars at Work in Kingston.

Burglars attempted to enter the store of A. Glass, Cedar street, this City, on Sunday night.

The trial of Egbert Palmer, of Greene County, for shooting at Ira Gay, some three years ago, has resulted in an acquittal.

The trial of Frank Brouty for killing Officer Thomas Woods, of Mount Vernon, Westchester County, was begun to-day. Brouty's mother is also indicted for murder in the first degree, she having held the Officer while her son shot him.

"OLD BOREAS" ON A LARK HERE.

A Still Gale Has Blown All Day—Two Boats Delayed Along the River.

"Old Boreas" went on a lark to-day. The wind, this forenoon, blew "great guns." In one or two localities trees were blown down. Some damage is reported in the fruit-growing districts of Ulster County.

An Ice Company's Plans.

The Knickerbocker Ice Company, of New York City, is negotiating for the purchase of several water front properties along the Hudson River, south of this City. It is understood that the Company is desirous of increasing its storing capacity, as the demand made by the Southern trade for ice has increased nearly 50 per cent, within the past two years. The ice harvested in the territory between Barrytown and Marlborough costs less to freight than that obtained in the River north of Catskill, hence the desire for property located at convenient points between Kingston and Newburgh.

Concerning Kingston City Bonds.

At last meeting of the Common Council Mayor Newkirk announced that at the next meeting of the Board, he would present a matter of importance to this City. This forenoon Mayor Newkirk said the matter referred to was to take action in reference to the issue of \$68,000 of refunding bonds, which bonds issued in 1879, payment of which is optional after January 15, 1889. These bonds bear interest at the rate of six per cent.

Of Interest to Firemen.

The net receipts of the fair recently held at Hudson by C. H. Evans Hook & Ladder Company were \$900.

The members of Weiner Hose Company will give their annual ball in the Academy of Music, this City, on Christmas night.

Greene County firemen held a meeting in Catskill on Monday. Officers were elected and it was resolved to hold a convention in Catskill on July 16 and 17, 1889.

D. & H. Assessment Case.

Peter Cantine, of Saugerties, argued a case for the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company, at Monticello, one day last week, before the Supreme Court. It was in reference to the Company's assessment in the town of Lumberton, Sullivan County. The Court took the papers and reserved decision.

Educational.

Interesting exercises will be held at Ulster Academy during the latter portion of this week.

The Vassar College students will leave for their holiday vacation, the latter part of this week.

## THE HUDSON RIVER AND INLAND.

No Contest of J. Guy Vassar's Will—The Shakers of Columbia County—Drift Wood.

The iron work of the Poughkeepsie bridge is 6,767 feet in length.

Dr. C. N. Campbell, of Poughkeepsie, is seriously ill with pleurisy and pneumonia. Mrs. Langtry will appear at Yonkers to-morrow evening in "As in a Looking Glass."

A branch of the Association of Stationary Engineers has been instituted in Newburgh.

The profits of the Kirmess, in aid of the Newburgh Home for the Friendless, were nearly \$1,000.

There will be no contest in the will of John Guy Vassar, of Poughkeepsie, which will be admitted to probate this week.

Rabbits are said to be so numerous at Yall's Gate, Orange County, that stonemasons in fields are frequently mistaken for them.

One Frank Beattie, of Newburgh, lately a shining light in the Salvation Army, came near dying on Saturday from alcoholism.

There is said to be a Shaker boom in Columbia County. Elders Evans is receiving many applications from persons who desire to become Shakers.

The New Hamburg Brass Band has been engaged to play at the funeral of one Hundred and Sixty-Fifth Regiment Veteran Volunteers, of Brooklyn, for the inaugural parade at Washington.

The managers of the Hudson River Insane Asylum held their annual meeting on Saturday, December 15, at the Hotel, Newburgh.

The report of the Board of Directors was read and approved. The report shows the place is overcrowded. Many of the 500 inmates sleep on bare floors.

A 13-year-old school boy at Fishkill Landing, one day recently, tied a string to a campaign pin and then stuck the pin in some wood work, at which he gave the string a sharp pull and the pin flew in his eye. He has lost the sight of the optic.

THE RECORD OF AMUSEMENTS HERE.

Minstrels at Kingston Opera House, this Evening—Entertainment in Rondout.

The members of the Hauck Gymnasium Club will give a performance, concert and masquerade ball in Washington Hall, on Monday evening, January 28.

Concerning Johnson & Slavin's minstrels, who will be on the boards of Kingston Opera House, this evening, the New York Times has said: "The season at the Star Theatre opened, last evening, with a packed house. Johnson & Slavin's minstrels were the attraction, and they gave an exceedingly good performance. Not everybody would suppose that the 'cork' minstrel was the lineal descendant of the troubadour and the meistersinger, but the show last night opened with a series of really fine tableaux, representing the birth, rise and triumph of minstrelsy, the troubadours, the bard of the 'Iron Age,' the fifteenth century, the 'Old Kentucky Home,' and then the rising curtain disclosed the Johnson & Slavin minstrel troupe, in the most elaborate and costly costumes. There was a notable absence of the well worn stock jokes, and the substitutes were, as a rule, not only fresh, but bright and witty."

The minstrel troupe paraded in Kingston and Rondout this afternoon. There are 44 men in the company.

AFFAIRS OF LOCAL RAILROADS.

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Literary Notes.

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Garden and Forest for December 19 is an unusually interesting number. A description of the new Island Stanford, Jr., University in California is given, with a reprint of Mr. Olmsted's plan, a picture of the famous Oak at Fishkill, intimately connected with the history of Washington; an account of Shortall galathea, which has had a most singular history, accompanied by a drawing of the beautiful plant and a large illustration of the new Chrysanthemum Lilian B. Bird.

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And the great storms rise and pass, Bring the thick, gray clouds; Toss the waves to hoarse and loud, And blow, wind, blow!

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What is the local news of moment this eighteenth day of December in brief? Boatmen had a rough time on the Hudson River—High water is reported in the Rondout and Esopus creeks and up north—The Rondout Young Men's Christian Association is in need of funds—Church entertainments galore are announced—High winds this forenoon.

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On page 3.—A bloody riot in the South; a story about an intelligent horse; the disorganized railway mail service; farmers to meet; summary of last night's news; Marlborough, Modena, Kirripelush, Rosendale Plains, Eddyville, Surrogate's Court proceedings and other local news.

## HIGH WATER IN TWO CREEKS HERE.

**The Esopus inundated portions of the Kingston Lowlands this afternoon.** The Esopus Creek overflowed its banks at a number of points this afternoon. A portion of the Kingston Lowlands were inundated.

Along the Rondout Creek high water was reported this afternoon. No serious damage ensued.

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**The ice on the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers broke up.**

A dispatch from Troy to THE FREEMAN today stated: The ice that formed in the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers at and near this City, last week, was weakened last night by the rain, and this morning broke up and moved south. At noon to-day the water had risen 15 feet since last evening, reaching the high water mark of the last freshet. A number of cellars along the dock at this place were flooded. The temperature lowered 10 degrees from 6 o'clock this morning to noon. A boy was carried on a cake of ice from Waterford a mile down the River. He was rescued.

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Burglars attempted to enter the store of A. Glass, Cedar street, this City, on Sunday night.

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General Secretary Crowell read his annual report, which showed that there are 303 members in the Association. "Does Association Work Benefit Young Men?" was answered by the Secretary. He said that these 300 saloons in this City, the patrons of which are 30 per cent. of the young men. "The Association has many needs, one of which is a good library." Further on the Secretary said he intended to keep urging this matter until the rooms contained a sufficient number of books.

The report of the Devotional Committee was read by F. R. Powley. During the year there have been 32 services held for young men, with an average attendance of 24; three training classes have been sustained, with a total attendance of 1,780, average 35; Young Men's Training Class, total attendance, 581; average attendance, 114; open air services, 10; average attendance, 177; aggregate attendance at religious services, 2,442; aggregate attendance this year, 4,512.

M. F. Wygant presented the report of the Music and Lecture Committee. There have been three Committee meetings held during the year. A course of lectures was arranged. There has also been a course of practical talks arranged. At the beginning of the new year a class in book-keeping will be organized. The Committee is negotiating for a teacher to take charge of a class in shorthand.

Charles Basten, Chairman of the Membership Committee, reported that there have been eight meetings held, with an average attendance of five. Twelve new members have been received during the year. Two hundred and forty-five dollars have been collected in dues from active and associate membership.

The report of the Reception Committee, by George Devo, related to concerts, entertainments, etc. This committee is arranging for an entertainment to be given in the near future.

An interesting report of the condition of the Boys' Branch of the Association was read by George Decker.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

A. S. Barnes, President  
W. D. Hale, First Vice-President  
William Anderson, Second Vice-President  
Charles Basten, Secretary  
J. D. Schoonmaker, Treasurer  
J. G. Lindley, Trustees

## PASTORS, PEOPLES AND CHURCHES.

The special religious meetings held of late in the Albany Avenue Baptist Church, Kingston, have been discontinued.

The Rev. W. G. Gulick, of Catskill, has accepted a call to the Lutheran Church at Gallupville, Schoharie County.

The Rev. J. M. King, D. D., of New York City, will lecture in the Clinton Avenue M. E. Church, Friday evening, on "Sedan and Its Results."

The Rev. Dr. G. E. Strowbridge has been asked to resign his pastoral relations with the First M. E. Church, Yonkers, after the close of the present Conference year.

The Rev. A. J. Palmer, Presiding Elder of the New York District, has received an invitation to lecture in the First M. E. Church, Kingston, on Monday, January 18.

William Smith, Secretary of the Ulster County Sunday School Association, held two religious meetings in the Ulster County Poor House and Insane Asylum, at New Paltz, on Sunday.

## CHURCH SOCIAL NEWS.

Monday evening, January 11, organ concert, Pastor, St. Paul's Church, Kingston.

To-morrow evening, Heidelberg Sewing Society, First Reformed Church, Kingston, Christmas bazaar.

Christmas Eve, literary and musical entertainment, Albany Avenue Baptist Church, by Sunday School pupils.

Monday evening, Sunday School children, Clinton Avenue M. E. Church, will give an entertainment in that church.

A gold ball will be among the many articles to be voted for at the coming fair of St. Mary's Church, Rondout.

The members of the Heidelberg Sewing Circle, of the First Reformed Church, Kingston, are entertained by Mrs. H. L. Case at her residence, on Johnston-street, yesterday.

The members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Albany Avenue Baptist Church, Kingston, will meet to-morrow afternoon, at the residence of Mrs. James Brink, St. Paul's Church, Kingston.

The fair of the Mission Band, of the Rondout Presbyterian Church, was opened in the chapel on Alee-street, to-morrow, on Monday. Useful and fancy articles will be sold. In the evening a literary and musical program will be rendered. It is hoped that many of the children of the church will be present. This evening the children will render a musical and recitation program.

The members of the Mission Band, of the Wurts-Street M. E. Church, will hold a fair in the lecture room, to-morrow, on Monday. Useful and fancy articles will be sold. In the evening a literary and musical program will be rendered. It is hoped that many of the children of the church will be present. This evening the children will render a musical and recitation program.

The fair of the members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Clinton Avenue M. E. Church will be opening in the lecture room, at 7:30 o'clock a musical and literary program will be given, which will include recitations by Bertha Supple, Harriet Phillips, L. Brown, Mrs. Mary Finger, Mary Egan, recitations by Harriet Schepers, songs by Mrs. L. W. H. and Loren McLaughlin, a reading by L. C. Schepers, a quartette in costume by Jessie Saultage, Grace Hunt, J. VanKouster, Jr., Ernest Kearney, a quartette by Mrs. B. R. Rich, John Finch and Frank McBrine, and a quartette by Mary Smith, Ada Riley, John Finch and George Mowell.

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING.

"Christmas is coming!" the children cry, Counting the days that are hurrying by; Dear little children who live at home, And do not guess what it is to come.

From noon till night, with stockings feet, Up and down through the chimney they go.

"Christmas is coming!" this little "Tim" says, But what can the Christmas do for him?

His home is a cellar, his daily bread The crumbs that remain when the rich are fed; No mother to kiss him when the day is done; No place to be glad in under the sun.

That wonderful fellow, old "Santa Claus," Who is never idle a moment, because He is kept so busy in piling the toys Into the stockings of girls and boys, No wonder he sometimes forgets, you know, Into the homes of the poor to go.

But dear little children, you understand That the rich and the poor all over the land Have one dear Father who watches you, And grieves or smiles at the things you do; And some of His children are poor and sad, And some are always merry and glad.

Christmas will bring you many joys—Food and plenty, frolic and toys; Christmas to some will bring him all; In place of laughter tears will fall. Poor little "Tim" your door may come, Your blessings are many—share him some.

The Christmas bells will sweetly ring, The songs that cause the angels to sing, The song that came with the Savior's birth, "Peace, good will and love on earth!"

Dear little children, Sweet bells in some lonely heart that day.

—Detroit Free Press.

## Evidently a Busy Man.

William A. Briggs, of Claryville, Sullivan County, has handled 3,000,000 hoop poles this year.

## RECALLING OLD TIMES HEREBOUT.

**When Three Days Were Consumed Going to New-York City from Kingston.**

Marius Schoonmaker, in his history of Kingston, says: "In the early days of our history, and, indeed, until the successful operation of the steamboat, communication with New-York City and Kingston was by sailing vessels. The principal part of the vessel was devoted to freight. The cabin in the stern was fitted up with 10 or a dozen berths for the accommodation of passengers and the fore-cabin in front for cooking purposes and the convenience of the crew. As it was then usually a voyage occupying from two to three days, and sometimes more, depending on wind and tide, those intending to go for business or pleasure usually sought to procure congenial company for the voyage. Frequently, if brought to anchor by both wind and tide being adverse, some of the passengers would land and have a jolly time on shore for an hour or more picking and eating berries or fruits in their season or endeavoring about in the woods or villages."

The passenger was at liberty either to furnish his own provisions or board with the Captain at the ship's table. Usually well-to-do people made ample provision of cooked eatables in their chests for their journey back and forth, and for which generally their poultry roasts were made to suffer. During the voyage every one was expected to have a good time, and they laid themselves out for its enjoyment. One end of the chests in use in those days was usually fitted with compartments for carrying the old-fashioned Holland gin flasks, and it was not considered fully stocked while they were empty."

At Night.

Tonight the very hours springing from the white snow, in a dream Like rows of golden palaces; and high From the crowded chimneys tower and die A thousand aureoles. Down in the west The brilliant plains beneath the sunset rest, One burning sea of gold. Soon shall fly The glorious vision, and the hours shall feel A mighty master, soon from height to height, With silence and the sharp, unyielding stars, Stern, creeping frosts and winds that touch like steel.

Out of the depth beyond the eastern bars, Glimmering and still, shall come the awful night. —A. Longfellow in Scribner's Magazine.

## WHAT A WRESTLER HAS TO SAY.

**A Frenchman Expresses Opinions in Rondout—Claiming to be a Champion.**

Lucien Marc Christol, who says he is the champion French wrestler, is in Rondout. Christol is of compact build. He said that he first began wrestling when he was 15 years old. He was then traveling with a French circus, and he gained fame by throwing the best wrestler in France. Out of 288 matches he has lost but 11. Christol claims that he is the champion wrestler of the world at his weight. He is also an all round athlete. He gave it his opinion that Hugh Leonard, a pupil of Wrestler Mulholland, is the coming champion wrestler. Clarence Whistler, "Western Wonder," was a pupil of Christol's. Whistler died in Australia. The best wrestlers could not throw him. The longest match he ever engaged in was with James Faulkner. It was three hours and forty minutes before Christol gained a fall.

## Literary Notes.

The January Century will contain Kennan's paper on "The Life of Administrative Exiles," in which the writer will break the continuity of the narrative of his journey through Siberia, to bring together a quantity of material relating to only one branch of the subject, but gathered and arranged at different times and in many widely separated parts of Siberia.

Garden and Forest for December 19 is an unusually interesting number. A description of the new Leland Stanford, Jr., University in California is given, with a reproduction of Mr. Olmsted's plan of a portion of the famous Oak at Fishkill, intimately connected with the history of Washington; an account of Shortia galacifolia, which has had a most singular history, accompanied by a drawing of the little plant and a large illustration of the beautiful new Chrysanthemum Lilian B. Bird.

## Captain Gillett's Reminiscences.

[From the Monticello Republican.]

Captain Daniel Gillett is a veteran Republican living just over in the edge of Ulster County. He has a fund of rich reminiscences from which to draw, when in the hands of wild sports and hairbreadth escapes in the earlier days of his section of country.

To Purchase Land at West Troy.

A dispatch from Washington to THE FREEMAN to-day stated: In a communication to the House, Secretary Fairchild transmits an estimate from the Secretary of War for the purchase of land for the Watervliet Arsenal, West Troy, N. Y., at \$20,000.

## A Lecturer Poorly Paid.

The penniless condition of the Democratic treasury can be learned from the statement that the Rev. N. M. Howie has only received \$5 for the 17th Prohibition lectures he gave in Delaware County during the campaign.

## Fire at Palenville.

The residence of Christopher Stone, at Palenville, Greene County, was destroyed by fire on Friday night. The building and contents were insured for \$4,500.

## No Excuse Meeting Held.

The rain last night dampened the ardor of the Excise Commissioners of this City, so that there was no session held by them to grant licenses.

## The Circuit Court.

The Circuit Court will be convened in the Court House, Kingston, on Monday afternoon. No jury trials will be taken up until after Christmas.

## Pickered Caught Through Ice Holes.

Many pickered have already been caught through the ice on Sullivan County ponds.

## An Afflicted Town.

Diphtheria is epidemic in the town of Carlisle, Schoharie County.

## A Plea for Better Roads.